

DRAWING AMENDMENTS

Please add the legends indicated on the accompanying annotated sheets. A set of replacement sheets is enclosed following page 6 herein.

REMARKS

The set of replacement sheets includes the changes marked on the annotated sheets, and withdrawal of the drawing objection is respectfully requested.

Main claim 52 was amended to additionally recite that the adapter is operative for exchanging status information in a packetized form. Support for this feature can be found on page 13, last line through page 14, lines 1-2.

Newly cited U.S. Patent No. 6,243,374 to White does not disclose an adapter, let alone one for exchanging status information in packetized form. Applicant's adapter provides for a way of intercommunicating between ends of a network to control congestion by providing information on whether there is free capacity for a circuit or a connection about to be established.

Allowance of amended claim 52 and its dependent claims 53-65 is respectfully requested.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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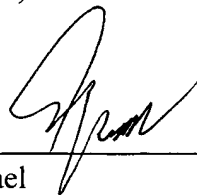
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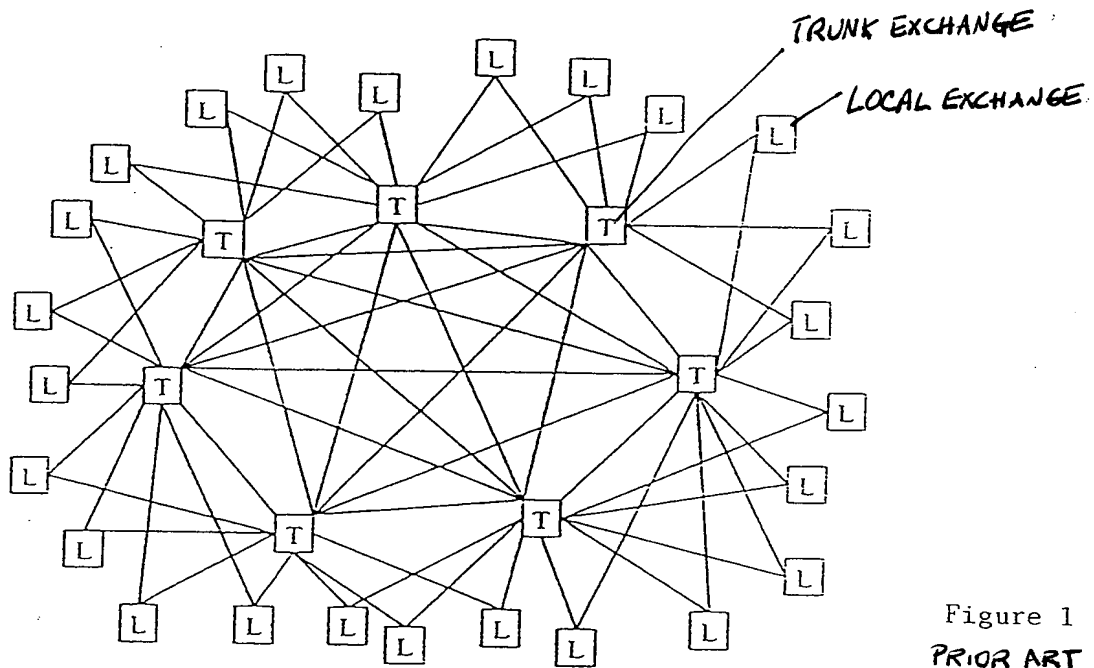


Figure 1
PRIOR ART

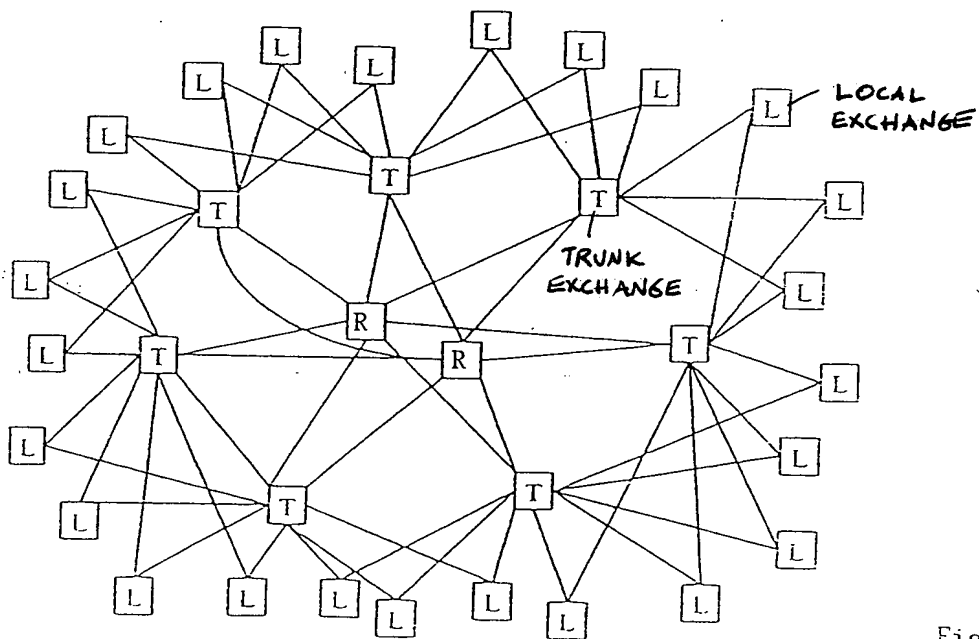


Figure 2

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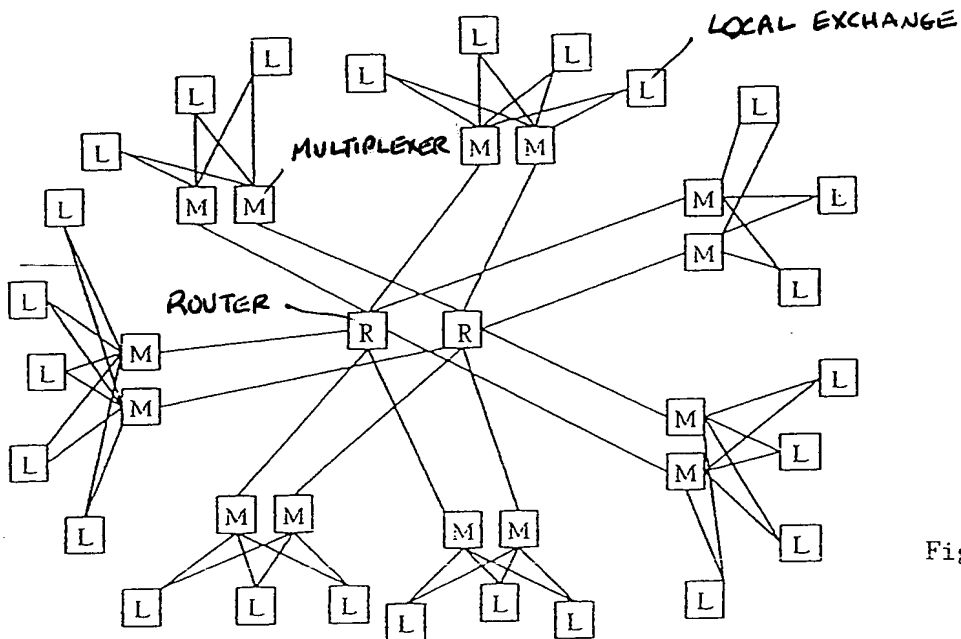


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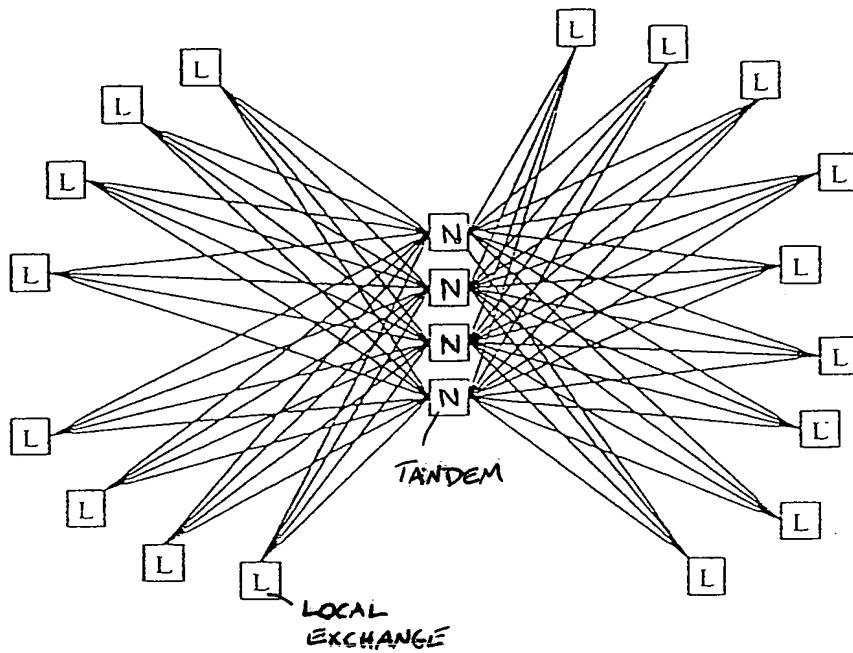


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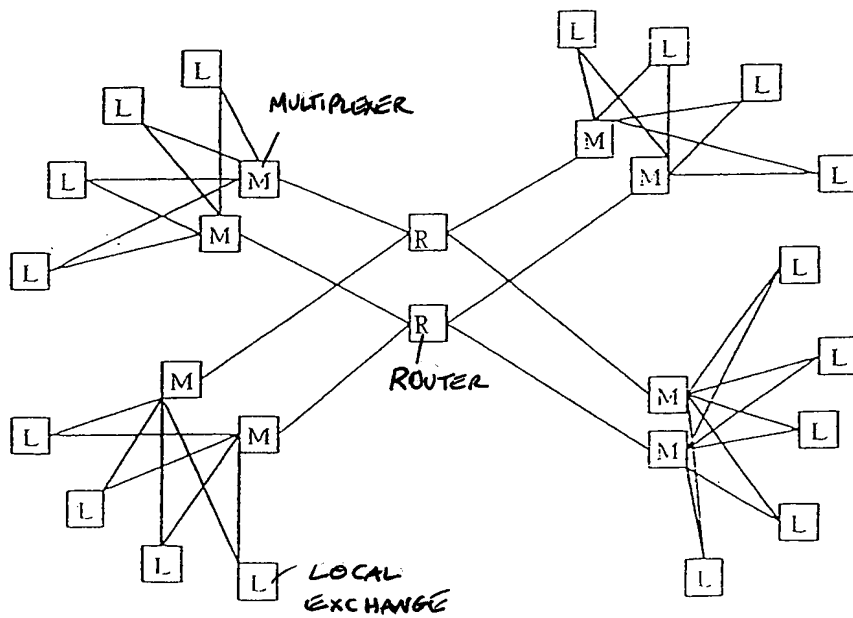


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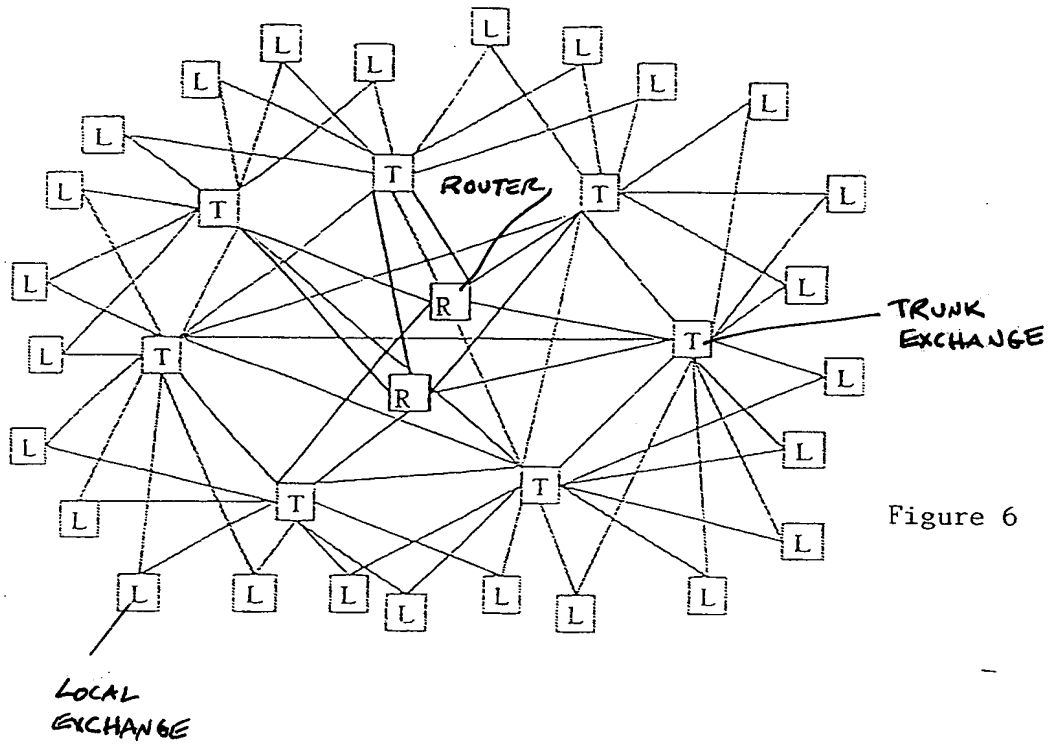


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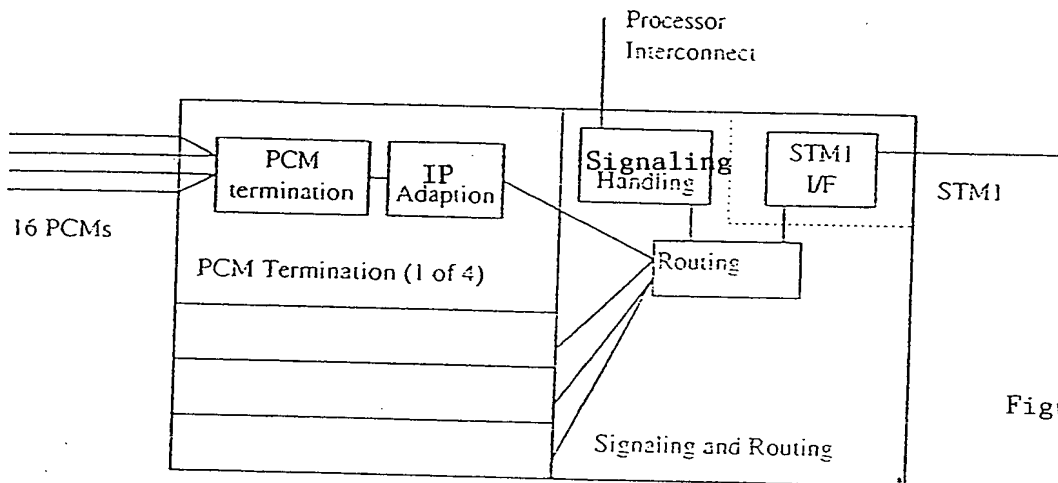


Figure 7

ANNOTATED REPLACEMENT SHEET

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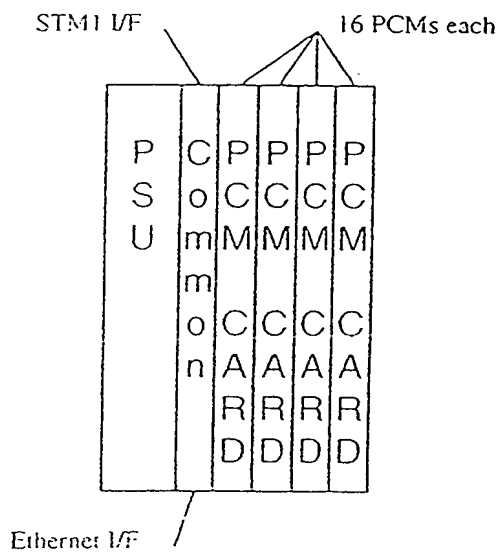


Figure 8